

The language used in the "Ratification" of the British Treaty by the British Government, cannot fail of carrying conviction to the most skeptical, that Great Britain does intend, faithfully and truly, to respect the independence of this kingdom. The silly reports set afloat to the contrary, are a libel upon her good faith, and, as we believe, intentions. England, at the present juncture, can have no other wish than to see these islands independent and flourishing under their own government. Such is the significance of the treaty, and the solemn and emphatic ratification is an earnest that England does intend to respect our independence, and so far as lies in her power, cause other nations to do the same.

The treaty itself, in articles 3 and 6, is not so satisfactory as we could wish. Virtually they limit the King's independence by restrictions upon his prerogatives. The first implies consular interference with his courts of justice, and the last limits the right to create a revenue in the least objectionable way. However, no difficulty as to the interpretation can arise under this article; and so long as the revenue is adequate to the expenses of the Government upon the five per cent. ad valorem scale, there is nothing injurious in practice; for we hold it would be unwise to create other than a mere revenue tariff. As to the other, we trust that the good conduct of British subjects will render it a dead letter. If cases unfortunately should arise, the official responsibility and character of the British Consul will doubtless be a guarantee that it shall be used solely for purposes of justice.

TAHITI.—We learn from Tahiti, that Queen Pomare was received with great honors by the French—saluted with 21 guns from each of the batteries and men-of-war; feted and feasted &c.—a salary of \$6000 per annum assigned her, and the superintendence of her own people.—The contrast between her present and past situation,—a petted ruler and a suffering exile,—must be very great.

We are indebted to Captain John Paty, of the "Don Quixote," for much interesting marine news. We further learn from him that the season on California bids fair for good crops and cattle.

The Hawaiian flag has been treated with much courtesy by American officers on California, and enjoys the privileges of the most favored nations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. That part of it which relates to Mexico, translated into Spanish, occupies sixteen columns of "The Republican." It gives a history of the difficulties between the U. States and Mexico, from their commencement, and is evidently intended by President Polk as a defence of the war.

THE POLYNESIAN MARINE JOURNAL.

PORT OF HONOLULU.

ARRIVED.

March 20.—Am ship J. E. Donnell, Hussey, 14 m, 230 sperm 780 whale.
25.—Am ship Samuel Robinson, Turner, New Bedford, 9 m, 100 barrels.
Chilian brig Argo, Jurnbach, 15 days from San Jose.
21.—Hawaiian bark Don Quixote, Paty, 14 m from Monterey.
Am ship Brookline, Jeffries, New London, 21 m, 130 sperm 2270 whale.
Eng brig Mary Ann, Moore, from Sydney via Tahiti, 25 days.
25.—Am ship Ontario, Green, Sag Harbor, 200 sp, 20 w t s.

MEMORANDA.

NAVAL.—The Don Quixote left at Monterey, March 10th, U. S. S. Columbus, 21; Independence, 60; Savannah, 50; Warren, 20; and store ships Lexington and Erie, 8.—The last said to be bound for this place and China, to remove Government stores to California.

The U. S. S. Congress was expected in a few days from the leeward coast.

The U. S. S. Cyane, 24, was at San Francisco.

The U. S. S. Fourmouth, 24, and a schooner were blockading Mazatlan.

The troop-ships and other men of war not arrived.

The Erie left Payta Jan. 5th, ultimo, arrived at San Francisco February 14, bringing Capt. Watson, bearer of dispatches to Gen. Kearney and Commodore Stockton.—Left N. York Nov. 12th, Col. R. B. Mason, 1st Dragoons, arrived by same conveyance. The dispatches contain powers to organize a civil government.

H. B. M. S. Constance, Capt. Sir B. Walker, was at Monterey March 10th.

The Haw brig Euphemia, Rossum, sailed from Monterey March 9th, for San Francisco. Same day, for do., Am bark Tasso, Libbey.

Brig Juanita (late Hawaiian) has been purchased by Wm. Leidesdorff, Esq., and sailed for Columbia River.

Feb. 16th, Am brig Elizabeth sailed from Monterey for leeward.

Nov. 5th, Br brig Mary Dare, Cooper, sailed from the Downs for this.

Nov. 23, Br brig Texian, from Liverpool, for this.

English ship Athol, arrived here 19th, spoke off Peru Am troop ship Thomas Perkins, of Boston, with 300 troops of Col. Stevensons Regiment for California—all well.

Loss.—Fr. whaleship Valiant, Vanier, of Havre, December 30th, near Margarita Bay, Lower California, 600 bbls oil. Part of crew arr. here in the J. E. Donnell, Capt. Hussey, who saved 200 bbls oil and other property from the wreck. Captain Hussey reports that Capt. Nash, of the America, was mistaken in his opinion of the whalers captured in Margarita Bay, as given in our last. The ships were lying there fishing, as usual, and the schooner was bound to the wreck of the Valiant. The Brookline took 1000 bbls. in the Bay.

PORT OF LAHAINA.

ARRIVED.

March 12.—Am whale ship Mercury, Pendleton, Stonington, 9 months, 65 sperm 400 whale.

13.—Am whale ship Navy, Norton, New Bedford, 18 months, 25 sperm, 1100 whale.

Am whale ship Nile, Case, New York, 17 months, 160 sperm, 1200 whale.

16.—Am whale ship Wm Hamilton, Fisher, New Bedford, 21 months, 100 sperm, 2700 whale, 80 sperm this season.

Am whale ship Lowell, Benjamin, New London, 21 months, 2700, whale, 180 this season.

Am whale ship Timoleon, Luscomb, New Bedford, 18 mos., 70 sperm 650 whale, 350 whale this season.

Am bark Philip L., Case, Greenport, 8 months, 30 sperm, 170 whale.

17.—Am whale ship Elizabeth Frith, Bishop, Sag Harbor, 15 months, 50 sperm, 500 whale, 80 sperm 50 whale this season.

Brem whale ship Hansa, Husing, Bremen, 10 months, 30 whale.

18.—Am whale bark Oscar, Green, Sag Harbor, 15 months, 500 whale, 200 this season.

BY AUTHORITY.

RATIFICATION Of the Treaty of Twenty-Sixth March, by Her Most Gracious Majesty, **VICTORIA,** Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c. To all and singular to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting! Whereas a Convention between Us and Our Good Friend The King of the Sandwich Islands, was concluded and signed in the English language and in the language of the Sandwich Islands, at Honolulu, on the twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, by the Plenipotentiaries of Us and of Our said Good Friend, duly and respectively authorised for that purpose;—The English Original of which Convention is, word for word, as follows:—

It being desirable that a General convention should be substituted for the various Instruments of Mutual Agreement at present existing between Great Britain and the Sandwich Islands, the following Articles have, for that purpose and that intent, been mutually agreed upon and signed between the Governments of Great Britain and the Sandwich Islands, and it has been determined that any other Treaty, or Conventional Agreement, now existing between the respective Parties, shall be henceforward abrogated and considered null and of no effect.

ARTICLE I.
There shall be perpetual peace and amity between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the King of the Sandwich Islands, their Heirs and Executors.

ARTICLE II.
The Subjects of Her Britannic Majesty residing within the Dominions of the King of the Sandwich Islands, shall enjoy the same protection in regard to their Civil Rights as well as to their persons and properties, as Native Subjects; and the King of the Sandwich Islands engages to grant to British Subjects the same rights and privileges which now are, or hereafter may be, granted to or enjoyed by any other Foreigners, subjects of the most favored Nation.

ARTICLE III.
No British Subject accused of any crime whatever shall be judged otherwise than by a Jury composed of Native or Foreign Residents, proposed by the British Consul and accepted by the Government of the Sandwich Islands.

ARTICLE IV.
The protection of the King of the Sandwich Islands shall be extended to all British Vessels, their Officers and Crews. In case of Shipwreck, the Chiefs and Inhabitants of the different parts of the Sandwich Islands shall succour them and secure them from plunder. The Salvage Dues shall be regulated, in case of dispute, by Arbitrators chosen by both parties.

ARTICLE V.
The desertion of seamen embarked on board of British Vessels shall be severely repressed by the local Authorities; who shall employ all the means at their disposal to arrest Deserters; and all reasonable expenses of capture shall be defrayed by the Captains or Owners of the said Vessels.

ARTICLE VI.
British Merchandise or Goods recognized as coming from the British Dominions, shall not be prohibited, nor shall they be subject to an Import Duty higher than five per cent. *ad valorem*. Wines, brandies and other spirituous liquors are however excepted from this stipulation, and shall be liable to such reasonable Duty as the Hawaiian Government may think fit to lay upon them, provided always that the amount of Duty shall not be so high as absolutely to prohibit the Importation of the said Articles.

ARTICLE VII.
No Tonnage, Import, or other Duties shall be levied on British Vessels, or Goods imported in British Vessels, beyond what are levied on Vessels or Goods of the most favored Nation.

ARTICLE VIII.
The Subjects of the King of the Sandwich Islands shall, in their Commercial or other Relations with Great Britain, be treated on the footing of the most favored Nation.

Done at Honolulu, the 26th of March, 1846.
WM. MILLER, R. C. WYLLIE,
H. B. M.'s Consul General, His Hawaiian Majesty's
Minister of Foreign Relations.

[L. S.] [L. S.]
JOANE II.
Member of the Treasury Board.

We having seen and considered the Convention aforesaid, have approved, accepted, and confirmed the same in all and every one of its Articles and Clauses, as We do by these Presents approve, accept, confirm, and ratify it for Ourselves, Our Heirs, and Successors:—Engaging and Promising upon Our Royal Word, that We will sincerely and faithfully perform and observe All and Singular the Things which are contained and expressed in the Convention aforesaid, and that We will never suffer the same to be violated by any one, or transgressed in any manner, as far as it lies in our power. For the greater testimony and validity of all which, we have caused the Great Seal of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland to be affixed to these presents, which We have signed with Our Royal Hand. Given at our Court at Windsor Castle, the eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

VICTORIA R.
[Appended the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.]

Official.

FOREIGN OFFICE, March 25th, 1847.

SIR,—I transmit for immediate publication in the Polynesian, by authority of the Cabinet, copies of certain papers, showing that the views and opinions expressed in the last No. of the Sandwich Islands News, so far as they may be understood to affect the security of the King's Independence, under the plighted faith of Great Britain, are directly opposed to the views and opinions entertained by Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General, and by the King's Government.

All the insinuations, boldly made in that paper, in regard to communications received by this Government, from the Honorable Hudsons' Bay Company's House and elsewhere, are utterly false.

Your obt. serv't, R. C. WYLLIE.
To JAMES JACKSON JARVES, Director, &c., &c.

No. 1. FOREIGN OFFICE, March 24, 1847.

SIR,—In connexion with the editorial article which has appeared in the Sandwich Islands News of this date, so far as it presumes to pronounce judgment upon the past policy and present intentions of Great Britain, in regard to the Independence of these Islands, I have the honor to submit to you the following extract from the minutes of the conversation between you and me, during your visit at this office on the 22d instant:

"The Consul General asked for the last Polynesian, namely, No. 44, of the 20th, stating very mildly, that the remark made by the editor about an argument for the United States, France and the German nations engaged in the whale fishery to unite in preserving their independence, that all may be placed on an equal footing, was disrespectful to England, which, far from attempting anything against the King's Independence, had proposed to France to acknowledge it,—that the King would find England to be the best supporter of his Independence, and in fact had now guaranteed the King's Independence."

Concurring, as I do most sincerely, in the belief entertained by the King and all his Ministers, that such has invariably been the policy of the British Government, since the 28th of November, 1843, and that by the terms in which it has pleased Her Majesty the Queen graciously to ratify the Convention of 26th March, 1846, Her Royal Word is pledged that such shall continue to be the policy of Great Britain, I consider the editorial in the News as a wicked attack upon the unsullied honor of the Majesty of England, calculated to induce some other nations to seize the islands, upon the plea that Great Britain is only waiting time and occasion to seize them.

I have, therefore, the honor to request of you to reply in writing, testifying how far you expressed yourself to me, on the 22d inst., to the effect of the words which I have quoted, and how far any of the views that the editor (who is believed to be Mr. P. A. Brinsmade) has undertaken to express, can be sustained by any information or opinion communicated by you.

I make this request for an official purpose, which I believe to be necessary both for the honor of Great Britain, of her representative here, and the safety of the King of these Islands. Yours, &c.
(Signed) R. C. WYLLIE.

WM. MILLER, Esq.,
H. B. M.'s Consul General, &c., &c., &c.

No. 95. HONOLULU, March 25, 1847.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and in reply to state, that I purpose waiting upon you this morning, if it will suit your convenience, considering it preferable, as I do, to confer verbally with you upon the points, to which you have called my attention, than committing to paper any comment or observation thereon. Yours, &c.
(Signed) WM. MILLER.

R. C. WYLLIE, Esq.,
Minister of Foreign Relations.

The following is the substance of the verbal conference referred to in my letter of this morning, 25th March.

As nearly as I can recollect, what I observed to you on the 22nd, during our interview, (what passed at which, I consider ought not to be made public excepting with the concurrence of both parties,) was, that I had just glanced at the last number of the Polynesian, and that it appeared to me to be in bad taste for the editor of the Government organ to insinuate that it was desirable for other nations to unite in their efforts to frustrate the views of Great Britain with regard to these Islands, "since Great Britain had never shown any disposition, but quite the contrary, to establish any paramount influence over them; and that she had formally guaranteed their independence, having invited two other powerful nations to become parties in the guarantee, one of which acceded."

I added that the tone, which I conceived the government paper had assumed, appeared to me unreasonable at this moment, just as the Ratification of the Convention had been received, and which must be considered as an additional proof of the great interest Her Majesty's Government take in the well-being of these Islands.

On re-reading the Polynesian, after our interview, I perceived that what I had considered as editorial remarks, were criticisms upon a work about the Sandwich Islands.

I have two great objections to the publication of your letter of yesterday, the 24th,—

*First: Because I consider that what passes at an interview between us, neither party has a right to make public without the concurrence of both, and I do not concur in the necessity or propriety of publishing our conversation on the 22nd.

*Secondly: Because I conceive your request for me to state in writing how far any of the views of the editor of the Sandwich Islands News can be sustained by any information or opinion communicated by me, to be irregular and offensive.

*Mr. Wyllie explained to the Consul General, that the interview of the 22d was an official one, with the avowed object of giving verbally an official reply to Mr. Wyllie's official letter of the 20th, and that it was the Consul General's own option to reply in that form,—that Mr. Wyllie meant to publish only, by authority of the Cabinet, his official letter of yesterday, containing only one extract, indispensable to enable the Consul General to aid in refuting what the cabinet considered a foul imputation upon the plighted faith of Great Britain.

*Mr. Wyllie explained to the Consul General that, in his own opinion, and that of his colleagues, such an imputation upon that faith, was a very serious matter, and that in place of intending any offence to the Consul General, all that was sought was to give him an opportunity of showing to the public, that he was no authority for the views and opinions which the Editor of the Sandwich Islands News had presumed to give to the world.

It was finally agreed that if Mr. Wyllie's letter was published, the Consul General's explanation rendered (on the 25th) should be appended to his note, No. 95.
R. C. W.

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Honolulu, March 27, 1847. mh27tf

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